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## 2010 Late Season Row Crops

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Montana producers planted 80,000 acres of corn for all purposes in 2010, up from 72,000 acres in 2009. There were 79,000 acres of corn harvested for all purposes in 2010, up from 71,000 acres harvested in 2009. Corn harvested for grain, at 34,000 acres, was up from 26,000 acres harvested in 2009. The average yield was 135.0 bushels per acre, 17 bushels lower than last year's record yield of 152.0 bushels. Grain production increased 16 percent from a year ago to 4.59 million bushels. Corn for silage harvested acres, at 45,000 acres, was unchanged from last year. Corn silage yield was 24.0 tons per acre, up 1 ton per acre from a year ago. The total corn for silage production was 1,080,000 tons, up 4 percent from a year ago.

Sugar beet producers in Montana planted 42,600 acres in 2010, up 4,200 acres from the previous year. Harvested acreage amounted to 42,500 acres, up 8,900 acres from 2009. Yield decreased 0.3 tons per acre from last year to average 29.5 tons per acre. Total production of 1,254,000 tons, was up 25 percent from the previous year. Fall potato production in Montana totaled 3.67 million cwt, up 11 percent from last year. Producers harvested 11,300 acres, 1,600 acres more than 2009. Potato yields were 15 cwt lower than last year's record high at 325.0 cwt per acre.

All hay harvested in Montana was up 350,000 acres from last year to 2.85 million acres. All hay production was 6.10 million tons, up 28 percent from a year ago. Alfalfa hay harvested acreage was 1.95 million, up 15 percent from last season breaking the record of 1.75 million in 2005. The average yield was 2.30 tons per acre, which is 0.20 ton per acre higher than the previous year. Alfalfa hay production was 4.49 million tons, up 26 percent from last year. New seedings of alfalfa hay were 125,000 acres, compared to 100,000 acres in 2009. Other hay harvested was 900,000 acres, up 100,000 acres from 2009. The average yield was 1.80 tons per acre, up 0.30 ton per acre from last year breaking the record of 1.7 tons/acre set in 1993. Other hay production was 1.62 million tons, up 35 percent from last year. Montana hay stocks were estimated at 5.50 million tons on December 1, up 34 percent from last year breaking the record of 5.04 million tons in December 1, 1997.

United States corn for grain production is estimated at 12.4 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the November 1 forecast and 5 percent below the record high production of 13.1 billion bushels set in 2009. United States grain yield for 2010 is estimated at 152.8 bushels per acre. This is down 1.5 bushels from the November forecast and 11.9 bushels below the record high yield of 164.7 bushels per acre set in 2009. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 81.4 million acres, up slightly from the November forecast and up 2 percent from 2009.

Sugar beets production in the United States for 2010 is estimated at 31.9 million tons, up fractionally from the November 1 forecast and 7 percent above last year. Growers in the 10 major sugar beet-producing States planted 1.17 million acres, a decrease of 1 percent from 2009, while the area harvested totaled 1.16 million acres, up 1 percent from last year. Estimated yield, at 27.6 tons per acre, is 0.1 ton below the November forecast but 1.7 tons above last year and establishes a record high.

United States fall potatoes production for 2010 is estimated at 361 million cwt, virtually unchanged from the December 1 forecast but down 8 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 881,300 acres, is down slightly from the December 1 forecast and 4 percent lower than last year. The average yield is estimated at 409 cwt per acre, unchanged from the December 1 forecast but 20 cwt below last year's record high yield.

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All hay production in the United States for 2010 is estimated at 146 million tons, down 4 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 1 percent from the 2009 total. Area harvested is at 59.9 million acres, up slightly from both the October 1 forecast and from last year. The average yield, at 2.43 tons per acre, is down 0.12 ton from October and down 0.04 ton from the previous year.

U.S. alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures production in 2010 is estimated at 67.9 million tons, down 5 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 4 percent from 2009. Harvested area, at 20.0 million acres, is 4 percent below the October 1 forecast and 6 percent below the previous year. The average yield is 3.40 tons per acre, 0.04 ton below the October 1 forecast but 0.05 ton above 2009.

All other hay production in 2010 totaled 77.7 million tons, down 4 percent from the October 1 forecast but up 1 percent from 2009. Area for harvest, at 39.9 million acres, is up 3 percent from October and up 4 percent from last year. The average yield is estimated at 1.95 tons per acre, down 0.13 ton from October and down 0.04 ton from last year.

New seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures: Growers seeded 2.55 million acres of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures during 2010, down 5 percent from the 2009 seeded area of 2.67 million acres.

#### 2010 Annual Crop Summary

Crop	Montana							US Production (000) Bu
	Year	Planted (000) Acres	Harvested (000) Acres	Yield Bu / Acre	Production (000) Bu	Season Avg. Price Dollars	Value of Production (000)	
Winter Wheat	2008	2,600	2,420	39.0	94,380	\$6.31	**\$595,538	1,867,333
	2009	2,550	2,420	37.0	89,540	\$4.79	\$428,897	1,524,608
	2010	2,050	1,950	**48.0	93,600	\$6.30	\$589,680	1,485,236
Durum Wheat	2008	590	570	19.0	10,830	**\$9.69	\$104,943	83,827
	2009	570	535	31.0	16,585	\$5.15	\$85,413	109,042
	2010	540	530	**34.0	18,020	\$6.10	\$109,922	107,180
Spring Wheat	2008	2,550	2,480	24.0	59,520	\$7.36	\$438,067	548,004
	2009	2,400	2,350	30.0	70,500	\$5.72	\$403,260	584,411
	2010	2,850	2,730	**38.0	103,740	\$7.05	\$731,367	615,975
All Wheat	2008	5,740	5,470	30.1	164,730	\$6.84	**\$1,38,548	2,499,164
	2009	5,520	5,305	33.3	176,625	\$5.15	\$917,570	2,218,061
	2010	5,440	5,210	**41.3	**215,360	\$6.60	\$1,430,969	2,208,391
Barley	2008	860	740	51.0	37,740	**\$5.78	\$218,137	240,193
	2009	870	720	57.0	41,040	\$4.86	\$199,454	227,323
	2010	760	620	**62.0	38,440	\$4.15	\$159,526	180,268
Oats	2008	*60	30	51.0	1,530	**\$3.07	\$4,697	89,135
	2009	70	32	56.0	1,792	\$2.54	\$4,552	93,081
	2010	65	27	61.0	1,647	\$2.60	\$4,282	81,190
Corn for Grain 1/	2008	78	35	136.0	4,760	\$3.80	\$18,088	12,091,648
	2009	72	26	**152.0	3,952	\$4.23	\$16,717	13,091,862
	2010	80	34	135.0	4,590	\$5.40	\$24,786	12,446,865
		(000) Acres	(000) Acres	Tons	(000) Tons		(000)	(000) Tons
Corn for Silage	2008	--	41	22.0	902	--	--	111,619
	2009	--	45	23.0	1,035	--	--	108,209
	2010	--	45	24.0	1,080	--	--	107,314
Sugar Beets	2008	31.7	30.7	26.8	823	\$50.80	\$41,808	26,881
	2009	38.4	33.6	**29.8	1,001	\$53.40	\$53,453	29,783
	2010	42.6	42.5	29.5	1,254	--	--	31,945
Alfalfa Hay 2/	2008	--	1,600	1.90	3,040	**\$117.00	\$355,680	70,180
	2009	--	1,700	2.10	3,570	\$96.00	\$342,720	71,072
	2010	--	**1,950	2.30	4,485	\$81.00	**\$363,285	67,903
Other Hay 2/	2008	--	800	1.30	1,040	**\$111.00	\$115,440	76,090
	2009	--	800	1.50	1,200	\$96.00	\$115,200	76,628
	2010	--	900	**1.80	1,620	\$84.00	\$136,080	77,653
All Hay 2/	2008	--	2,400	1.70	4,080	**\$116.00	\$471,120	146,270
	2009	--	2,500	1.91	4,770	\$95.50	\$457,920	147,700
	2010	--	2,850	2.14	6,105	\$81.50	**\$499,365	145,556
Sweet Cherries 3/, 4/	2008	--	710	2.20	1,560	\$2,730.00	\$3,958	248,160
	2009	--	*710	3.37	2,390	\$1,490.00	\$1,567	429,900
	2010	--	--	--	--	\$1,960.00	\$4,026	--
		(000) Acres	(000) Acres	Cwt	(000) Cwt		(000)	(000) Cwt
Fall Potatoes	2008	10.9	10.5	330	3,465	\$11.60	\$40,194	378,588
	2009	11.2	9.7	**340	3,298	\$10.60	\$34,959	393,544
	2010	11.5	11.3	325	3,673	**\$12.60	**\$46,280	360,727

1/ Planted for all purposes. 2/ Price of baled hay. 3/ Total production. 4/ Value of utilized production --Not Available \*Record Low \*\*Record High

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